

# Tick Identification

## Washington State Department of Health Use Only

Tick number: \_\_\_\_\_

Identified as: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ♂ ☐ ♀ ☐ Nymph ☐ Larva

## Submitter, Please Complete This Section

### Instructions

1. Keep the tick alive, if possible.
2. Moisten a small piece of paper with one or two drops of water. Place the damp piece of paper and the tick in a small plastic or metal container (an empty pill bottle works well) and close tightly.
3. Put the container holding the tick into a sealed plastic bag. Place the bag into a padded envelop for mailing.
4. Complete this form, insert it into the tick package, and mail to:

WA Tick Identification  
Zoonotic Disease Program  
PO Box 47825  
Olympia, WA 98504-7825

*Note: The submitter must pay the shipping cost.*

Date tick collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, GPS coordinates, or best description possible of where the tick was acquired:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County where tick was acquired: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the tick attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tick was found on: ☐ Human ☐ Dog ☐ Cat

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If tick was found on a person, what was their age and gender?

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel outside Washington in past two weeks?

☐ No ☐ Yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

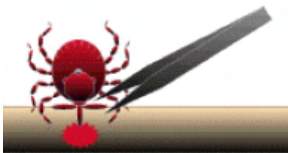
Name of submitter: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

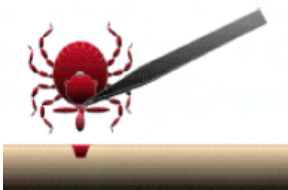
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You will be notified of your tick species result by e-mail.*

### Remove a Tick Promptly and Properly



Grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers.



Gently pull straight up to remove the tick.  
Disinfect the bite site.

## More Information

Tick identification is available through the Washington State Department of Health's Zoonotic Disease Program. We do not test the tick for any disease. Identifying the tick species may help a health care provider diagnose an illness that could be associated with a tick bite. If a fever, rash, or flu-like illness occurs within a month of the tick bite, contact your health care provider and let them know you were bitten by a tick and that you had the tick identified.

For more information on tick bite prevention and tick-borne disease, see [www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo/watickdiseases.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo/watickdiseases.htm).

For questions about this form, contact us at 1-877-485-7316 or [zd@doh.wa.gov](mailto:zd@doh.wa.gov).